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For : EXTERIOR ACCESSORY MODULE FOR VEHICULAR MODULAR DOOR

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

REQUEST FOR FILING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53 of co-pending application Serial No. 09/679,997, filed on October 5, 2000, by Niall R. Lynam, Peter J. Whitehead, David E. Nestell and Loren B. Renkema, entitled EXTERIOR ACCESSORY MODULE FOR VEHICULAR MODULAR DOOR, which claims priority of U.S. provisional applications, Serial No. 60/159,661, filed October 15, 1999 and Serial No. 60/215,324, filed June 30, 2000.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which is attached includes 36 pages of specification, 12 pages of claims (80 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 18 sheets of drawings, and unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page). A copy of the signed Declaration (1 page) is also attached.



2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims 20-80 have been canceled.

Examination on the basis of claims 1-19 is requested.

3. Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

4. Filing Fee and Calculation

Basic Fee	\$770.00
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Additional Fees

Each independent claim in excess of three, -0- times \$86.00	\$ .00
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Number of claims in excess of twenty, -0- times \$18.00	\$ .00
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Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$290.00	\$ .00
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Total Filing Fee	<u>\$770.00</u>
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A check in the amount of \$770.00 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

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- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.
- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

5. Drawings

Thirteen (13) sheets of formal drawings are enclosed with the attached Preliminary Amendment.

6. Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/679,997, be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

7. Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Niall R. Lynam, Peter J. Whitehead, David E. Nestell and Loren B. Renkema.

8. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2001, at Reel 011728, Frame 0858.

9. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the parent application Serial No. 09/679,997 is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP and the individual attorneys and agents at said address, consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhart, Reg. No. 29 288; Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; Matthew L. Goska, Reg. No. 42 594; Anthony A. Bisulca, Reg. No. 40 913; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540.

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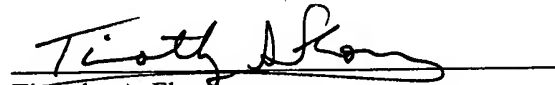
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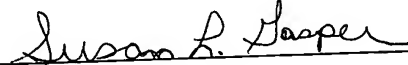
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I certify that the attached return postcard; a check in the amount of \$770.00 for the filing fee; Request for Filing Divisional Application (4 pages, in duplicate); Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet (2 pages); Preliminary Amendment (15 pages); New Abstract (1 page); Formal Drawings (13 pages); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages); Form PTO-1449 (2 pages); and a copy of the prior application as originally filed, consisting of: 36 pages of Specification, 12 pages of Claims (80 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 18 pages of drawings and Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page, unsigned and 1 page signed) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Label Number EV394560906US addressed to:

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